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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> WORKING PARTY ON DATA  
COLLECTION AND STATISTICS**

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**Last updated: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Location:** Seychelles

**Venue:** Eden Blue Hotel conference room, Eden Island

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Chair:** Dr Emmanuel Chassot (EU,France); **Vice-Chair:** Mr Stephen Ndegwa (Kenya)

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.1 Outcomes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Committee and of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission
  - 3.3 Review of Conservation and Management Measures relevant to the WPDCS
  - 3.4 Progress on the recommendations of WPDCS12
- 4. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON DATA RELATED ISSUES** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.1 IOTC Secretariat Report
  - 4.2 Dissemination of IOTC data sets and documents
    - 4.2.1 IOTC Data Summary: Update
    - 4.2.2 IOTC Data Dissemination: Discussion of potential improvements
  - 4.3 Updates on data-related requests from other Working Parties
- 5. UPDATE ON NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** (CPCs)
  - 5.1 Update on national statistical systems, including the main challenges in collecting and reporting data to the IOTC Secretariat and proposals to improve future levels of compliance with IOTC data requirements.
  - 5.2 Further analysis of length frequency data and likely impacts on the assessments (IOTC Secretariat & CPCs)
- 6. REVIEW OF DATA REQUIREMENTS IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE WPDCS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 6.1 Data reporting (to the IOTC Secretariat)
    - 6.1.1 Resolution 15/02 *On mandatory statistical reporting requirements for IOTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs)*
    - 6.1.2 Resolution 17/01 *On an interim plan for rebuilding the Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna stock*
  - 6.2 Regional Observer Scheme
    - 6.2.1 Resolution 11/04 *On a regional observer scheme*
    - 6.2.2 Resolution 16/04 *On the implementation of a pilot project in view of promoting the Regional Observer Scheme of IOTC*
    - 6.2.3 Discussion of observer coverage rates
    - 6.2.4 Update on implementation of the IOTC interim ROS templates
    - 6.2.5 IOTC ROS capacity building activities in 2017 / 18

6.2.6 ROS E-reporting and E-monitoring projects

6.3 Data recording (logbooks)

6.3.1 Resolution 15/01 *On the recording of catch and effort data by fishing vessels in the IOTC area of competence*

6.3.2 Resolution 15/08 *Procedures on a fish aggregating devices (FADs) management plan, including a limitation on the number of FADs, more detailed specifications of catch reporting from FAD sets, and the development of improved FAD designs to reduce the incidence of entanglement of non-target species*

**7 CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES: DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN COASTAL COUNTRIES, AND COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (IOTC Secretariat)**

**8 FISHERIES INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SYSTEMS (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)**

8.1 Updates on the adoption of metadata standards in the fisheries domain

8.2 ROS supporting tools and the Regional Observer Database

8.3 Updates on the Sport Fisheries databases

8.4 The Consolidated List of Authorized Vessels (CLAV)

**9 WPDCS PROGRAM OF WORK (Chair & IOTC Secretariat)**

9.1 Revision of the WPDCS Program of Work 2018–2022

**10 OTHER BUSINESS**

10.1 Date and place of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPDCS: 2018 & 2019 (Chair)

10.2 Review of the draft, and adoption of the report of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPDCS (Chair)